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CLOSURE OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have closed a number of power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in order to prevent the power projects from closure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : During the last two years, the following Power Generating Units have been retired from operation :-

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Capacity (MW)	Date of retirement
1.	Dhuvaran TPS Gas Turbine Unit No.2, GEB	27 MW	04.09.2001
2.	Utran Stage-I Unit No.4, 5, 6 of GEB	Derated (3x13 MW) Rated (3x15 MW)	23.10.2002

Gas Turbine Unit No.2 of 27 MW capacity at Dhuvaran Thermal Power Station of Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) was 30 years old and the Gas Turbine was of obsolete model. The Company Fiat Italy closed down the manufacture of such Turbine and as such spares for repair and maintenance were not available. Since the unit remained un-operational w.e.f. 15.6.1992, its vital components and parts were taken out and were consumed for running the Unit No.1 of 27 MW in Operation State. All the possibilities for revival of the unit became futile and unit was declared retired.

The Gas Fired Boiler Unit No.4, 5 and 6 (3x13 MW) of Utran TPS Stage-I of GEB were 40 years old and were out of operation since 1994, 1996 and 1997 respectively due to heavy damages/deterioration both in Turbine and Boilers.

One of the steps being taken by the Government to prevent the old thermal power projects from closure is to carry out the Life Extension (LE) works. During the 10th Plan, 106 old thermal units installed at 32 Power Stations having a capacity of 10413 MW have been identified for Life Extension (LE) works. Implementation of LE works result in the increase of the life of the plant as also the operational efficiency.